150 वर्ष पुराने कानून

2308. **प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा :** क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत के कुछ कानून 150 वर्ष पुराने हैं ;

(ख) 100 वर्षों से अधिक पुराने कितने कानून हैं ;

(ग) क्या बदलते हुए परिदृश्य में इनमें कुछ कानूनों में संशोधन करने, कुछ को समाप्त करने, कुछ को नये सिरे से बनाने की आवश्यकता नहीं है ; और

(घ) सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई कर रही है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमाकान्त डी. खलप) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) ऐसे 176 केन्द्रीय अधिनियम हैं।

(ग) और (घ) परिनियमों का उपांतरण जिसके अन्तर्गत उनका निरसन भी है, समय-समय पर सरकार द्वारा उनकी आवश्यकता के आधार पर आरंभ किया जाता है।

Executive Control over appointment of Judges

2309. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LAWS AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to bring forward a legislation providing for executive control over appointment of Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court as well as their transfers from one High Court to another;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the reasons for such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) The Government decided to introduce a Constitution Amendment Bill in Parliament to make changes in the existing system of appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court, Chief Justices of the High Courts, Judges of the High Courts and transfer of Chief Justices and Judges of the High Courts. The Government felt it necessary to amend the Constitution to reiterate and spell out the intent of the framers of the Constitution clearly and unambiguously with a view to keep it beyond the pale of any controversy. Accordingly, the Constitution (Eighty-Second Amendment) Bill, 1997 was circulated to members of the Lok Sabha March, 1997.

Complaints against malpractice by Vice-President of ITDC

2310. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC management received a complaint letter dated 25th June, 1997 from the All India ITDC Employees Union demanding strict disciplinary action against Vice-President (P-E) of ITDC for his various malpractices causing huge loss to the Corporation;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of ITDC management and action taken on the above-mentioned complaint; and

(c) whether ITDC management/ Government would like to refer the whole case to CBI for proper investigation and what are the parawise comments/factual position on the points stated in the above mentioned letter?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The complaint has been received and Vigilance Division is taking necessary action in the matter.

(c) Since the matter is presently being looked into by Vigilance Division, it is pre-mature to refer the matter to CBI or to offer comments on the issues raised in the complaint.

क्षेत्रीय पर्यटन साहित्य का प्रकाशन

2311. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी :** क्या **पर्यटन मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पर्यटन को प्रोत्साहित करने के उद्देश्य से विभिन्न भाषाओं में क्षेत्रीय पर्यटन साहित्य के प्रकाशन के लिए क्या केन्द्र सरकार वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध करवाएगी ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जैना) : केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग ने प्रचार सामग्री के उत्पादन के लिए राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की है । इस योजना के तहत, राज्य सरकारें/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र, पर्यटन के संवर्धन के लिए किसी भी भाषा में क्षेत्रीय पर्यटन साहित्य के उत्पादन के लिए स्वतंत्र हैं । फिर भी, केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग केवल हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी में इसकी प्रचार सामग्री का उत्पादन कर रहा है ।

Publicity to Navratras and Somnath Festivals of Gujarat

2312. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Navratras and Somnath festivals are very popular festivals of Gujarat which attract substantial number of domestic and foreign tourists in the State;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give wide publicity to these festivals through the electronic and print media to attract the tourists in the State to participate and enjoy these festivals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Somnath and Navratras festivals are on the identified list of fairs and festivals of Department of Tourism. During the last two years Central financial assistance was extended for organising these festivals including publicity.

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Somnath festival	Rs. 2.50 lakhs	Rs. 0.50 lakhs
Navratras festival	Rs.0.70 lakhs	Rs. 4.00 lakhs

Irregularities in ITDC

2313. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newsitem which appeared in Hindi daily "Jansatta" dated the 10th March, 1997 under the caption "Indira Gandhi Airport Par Maago Flight Aur Palti Ka Chakkar";

(b) if so, the facts on the irregularities as in news report and report submitted to Director (Commercial), ITDC, on the 4th March, 1997 by the Vigilance Division;

(c) the reasons for inaction on reports of the Vigilance Department given from time to time in the past on several irregularities under the control of Director (Commercial) ITDC; and